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PROCEEDINGS OF BRANCHES OF THE AMERICAN  
FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

ARIZONA.

THE Arizona Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society had a very interesting meeting on February 18, at the Presbyterian Church. The first speaker of the evening was Mr. Golder of the Tempe Normal, who told of his visit among the Mokis and the Snake dance. This was later supplemented by Hon. E. R. Day, who had been present a number of times at that ceremony. Mr. Day believes that the bite of the rattlesnake of the Moki region is not fatal, for he knew of several cases where persons bitten had survived. Mr. Day's talk was exceedingly interesting, and the society is planning to have him give a talk on the Navajos before he leaves.

Major A. J. Doran told some pioneer incidents connected with the ruins in this neighborhood, and in particular about a young Bostonian who came out here in search of a pot of gold, which had been mysteriously revealed to him by some prehistoric ghost.

Mr. Al Doyle, the famous Flagstaff guide, described the food of the Indians, especially that of the Apaches.

President J. H. McClintock gave an instructive discussion on the prehistoric ruins. It is needless to say that few men in Salt River Valley know more about the prehistoric Arizonians.

Another speaker was Mr. H. R. Patrick, who is making a study of the swastika. He went briefly into the history of that mysterious symbol and threw out suggestions of its possible meaning.

Contributions in the shape of legends were read by Mrs. F. J. McCormick, the secretary of the society. These will soon appear in the *Journal of American Folk-Lore*.

The next meeting will be held in March, when it is hoped Dr. Fewkes, now at Casa Grande, will speak.

F. A. GOLDER, *Secretary*.

CALIFORNIA.

A meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kroeber, in San Francisco, Tuesday, October 30, 1906, Mr. Charles Keeler, presiding. Mr. Keeler gave the paper of the evening, on "Creation Myths of the Pacific Islanders." The discussion which followed was participated in by Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Dr. A. L. Lengfeld, Dr. A. L. Kroeber, and Mr. D. E. Hirschler.

A meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in Pasadena at the Arts and Crafts Room, Friday,

November 16, 1906, at 8.15 P. M. Miss Grace Nicholson, the hostess, opened the meeting. Dr. A. L. Kroeber gave an address on "The Folk-Lore of the California Indians," with graphophone and lantern illustrations.

A meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in Los Angeles, at Unity Church Hall, Saturday, November 17, 1906, at 8 P. M. Mr. Charles F. Lummis presided and opened the meeting. Dr. A. L. Kroeber gave an illustrated lecture on "Indian Folk-Lore."

A meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in Berkeley, at South Hall, University of California, on Tuesday evening, November 27, 1906, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Charles Keeler presiding. Professor John Fryer, first vice-president of the society, gave a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on "The Chinese Inferno."

#### BERKELEY FOLK-LORE CLUB.

A meeting of the Berkeley Folk-Lore Club was held at the Faculty Club, University of California, Berkeley, Tuesday, October 16, 1906, at 8 P. M. President A. F. Lange presided. Professor O. M. Johnston of Stanford University presented a paper on "The Sources of Dante's Divine Comedy," which was discussed by all present.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary*.

A meeting of the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society was held in the California Promotion Committee's Hall in Union Square, San Francisco, Thursday evening, February 7, 1907, at 8.15 o'clock, Mr. E. J. Molera presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following resolution was read and adopted: —

"In the death of William Wells Newell, the study of folk-lore has lost an ardent follower; the community of which he formed part, a man of wide culture, high ideals, and unflinching integrity; and the American Folk-Lore Society, which he was largely instrumental in founding, an unselfish supporter, who for nineteen years was the principal force and an untiring agent in sustaining, developing, and broadening its work and scope. The communication of his interest to others was the cause of the formation of the California Branch, as of so many other branch societies, and his guidance and coöperation have helped the society in its career.

"Be it resolved, therefore, by the California Branch of the American Folk-Lore Society, that it expresses hereby its sense of the loss sustained by the death of William Wells Newell, and its desire to add to the tribute rendered to his memory by all students of folk-lore and all who knew him."

Dr. David P. Barrows, director of the Bureau of Education of the Philippine Islands, then delivered a lecture on "Mohammedanism in the Philippine Islands." The meeting adjourned.

A. L. KROEBER, *Secretary*.

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